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June 30, 2015

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
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Dear Supervisors:

# ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

36 June 30, 2015

  
PATRICK O'QUINN  
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**PROJECT APPROVAL AND PURSUIT OF GRANT FUNDS  
FOR THE FLORENCE/FIRESTONE COMMUNITY SAFE ROUTES  
TO SCHOOL PROJECT IN THE UNINCORPORATED COUNTY  
COMMUNITY OF FLORENCE/FIRESTONE  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2)  
(3 VOTES)**

### **SUBJECT**

This action is to authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to request allocation of grant funds for the Florence/Firestone Community Safe Routes to School project.

### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find that the Florence/Firestone Community Safe Routes to School project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve the project and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to request allocation of \$960,000 in grant funds from the California Transportation Commission for the Florence/Firestone Community Safe Routes to School project.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended actions is to approve the Florence/Firestone Community Safe Routes to School project and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to request allocation of grant funds from the California Transportation Commission for the project. The State Active Transportation Program will fund project activities consisting of intersection improvements, including upgrading curb ramps; constructing bulb-outs; and installing bicycle racks, countdown

pedestrian heads, audible push buttons, enhanced crosswalk, and advanced limit lines and yield lines. The project includes a 2-year bicycle and pedestrian safety education and encouragement program.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) and Community Support and Responsiveness (Goal 2). The recommended actions will enrich the lives of the County residents in the Florence/Firestone community by enhancing pedestrian safety, creating healthy neighborhoods, and leveraging grant funds to offset County expenditures.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The total project cost is estimated to be \$1,600,000. This project will be administered utilizing State transportation grant funding under the Active Transportation Program under existing County/State Master Agreement 77276. Under this program, \$960,000 of the project cost will be financed using the State grant and the difference of \$640,000 will be funded from the Second Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program.

Financing for this project is included in the Second Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the Road Fund Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The California Transportation Commission requires a certificate of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance in order to request the allocation of grant funds. Recommendation 1 is in accordance with CEQA. Public Works will prepare and file a Notice of Exemption with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk and submit the Notice of Exemption as the required certification. Public Works will return to the Board to adopt and advertise the project for construction.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

This project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Sections 15301(c), 15303(e), and 15322(a) of the CEQA Guidelines and Class 1(x), Subsections 4, 14, and 22; Class 3(b); and Class 22(a) of the Environmental Reporting Procedures and Guidelines previously adopted by the Board. These exemptions provide for modification of existing traffic signal system; reconstruction of existing curbs, gutters, and curb ramps; maintenance of existing roadway facilities; construction of new accessory (appurtenant) structures; and development of training methods.

Upon the Board's finding of exemption for the project, Public Works will file the Notice of Exemption in accordance with the requirements of Section 21152(a) of the California Public Resources Code and pay the required filing and processing fees with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk in the amount of \$75.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The project will not have a significant impact on current services or planned projects.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Programs Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER  
Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Rochelle Goff)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office